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Replace the paragraph between page 1, line 14 and page 1, line 22 with the following: -

a' Such a method is described in the published German Patent Document DE 35 45 172 A1, corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 4,707,902, wherein, initially, the ends of a rubber blanket formed with register cut-outs are inserted between clamping bars in a clamping device outside of a printing machine until the register cut-outs come into contact with register pins belonging to the clamping devices. The clamping bars of the clamping devices are then connected by clamping screws. The clamping devices with the rubber blanket are then applied to a cylinder in the printing machine. -

In the Claims:

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Claim 2 (amended). A rubber blanket configuration, comprising:

a rubber blanket formed of a blanket material;

said rubber blanket having a clamping bar with register cut-outs formed therein.

Claim 3 (amended). The rubber blanket configuration according to claim 2, wherein said clamping bar is disposed only on an underside of the blanket material.